

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yasuomi Takagi

Serial No: 10/567,168

Confirmation No.: 2298

Filed: 12/20/2007

For: Efficient Process of Producing Dumbbell
DNA

Art Unit: 1635

Examiner: Bowman, Amy
Hudson

DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

(1) I, Masayuki Sano, declare that I am one of the authors of a publication titled, "A direct and efficient synthesis method for dumbbell-shaped linear DNA using PCR *in vitro*." Taki et al., *Nucleic Acids Research Supplement* No. 3, 191-192 (2003). (Hereinafter as "Publication").

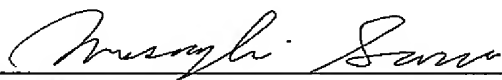
(2) This Publication was cited as a reference against the present application, Application Serial No. 10/567,168 ("the '168 Application"), in an Office Action dated May 4, 2010.

(3) The other remaining authors of the Publication -- Masumi Taki, Yoshio Kato, Makoto Miyagishi, Yasuomi Takagi, and Kazunari Taira -- are the same named inventors of the '168 Application.

(4) I declare that the relevant portions of the Publication originated with or obtained from at least one or all of the named inventors of the '168 Application -- Masumi Taki, Yoshio Kato, Makoto Miyagishi, Yasuomi Takagi, and Kazunari Taira.

Respectfully submitted,

Date July 27, 2010

By: 
Masayuki Sano

3rd International Symposium on
Nucleic Acids Chemistry
(30th Symposium on Nucleic Acids Chemistry in Japan)

Sapporo, Japan
September 17 (Wed) – 19 (Fri), 2003

Symposium Organizer:

Professor Akira Matsuda
Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Hokkaido University
Kita-12, Nishi-6, Kita-ku, Sapporo 060-0812, Japan

**NUCLEIC ACIDS RESEARCH
SUPPLEMENT**

No. 3

OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS